

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE AMBLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1945 in accordance with the provisions of the Ministry of Health Circulars which restrict the Report to matters affecting the Public Health.

General Statistics.

Area: 1220 acres of land and inland water.

Number of inhabited houses: (1944) 1312.

Rateable value: £19,471.

Sum represented by 1d. rate: £75.

Births.

		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Live Births.	Legitimate.	68	33	35
	Illegitimate.	9	5	4
		<u>77</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>39</u>
Still Births.	Legitimate.	2	1	1
	Illegitimate.	-	-	-

(Rate per 1,000 live births 19.25.)

Deaths.

The number of deaths in the Urban District after allowing for transferable deaths was fifty-two.

Deaths occurred throughout the year as follows:-

		<u>Transferable.</u>			<u>Transferable.</u>
January	1	2	July	1	1
February	2	-	August	3	-
March	5	-	September	3	1
April	3	1	October	6	5
May	4	1	November	2	1
June	3	1	December	4	2

The ages at death were as follows:-

Stillbirths	2	-Transferable.	
Under 1 year	3		1
1 and under 2 years	-		-
2 " " 5 "	-		1
5 " " 15 "	1		-
15 " " 25 "	2		2
25 " " 45 "	3		4
45 " " 65 "	6		2
65 Years and upwards	25		5

Infant Mortality (under 1 year).

There are 3 deaths 2 females and 1 male, of infants under one year with a death rate of 34.47 per 1,000 live births.

Notifiable Diseases during the year.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet fever.	Nil.	-	-
Diphtheria.	68	54	-
Whooping cough.	Nil.	-	-
Erysipelas.	1.	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum.	Nil.	-	-
Chicken Pox.	Nil.	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	1.	-	-
Measles.	46.	-	-
Pneumonia	2.	-	-

Tuberculosis.

During this year one new case of pulmonary tuberculosis has been notified and there have been no deaths.

New cases and Mortality according to Age:-

	<u>New Cases.-</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Up to 5 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45 years.	1	-	-	-	-	-
45 years and upwards.	-	-	-	-	-	-

Smallpox.

No vaccinations were performed by the Medical Officer of Health under the Public Health (Smallpox Prevention) Regulations 1917.

Diphtheria.

During the year the effort has been maintained to have every child between the age of 1 and 15 years immunised against diphtheria. Children of school age were immunised at school by the Medical Officer of Health and of children attending the Amble Schools 96.7% are now immunised. Children under school age were immunised at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic and 72.8% of these are immunised. It is now hoped that all children will be immunised when they reach the age of one year.

Veneral Diseases.

So far as can be ascertained, venereal disease is rare in this area; no cases have been reported during the year.

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic.

This clinic is under the auspices of the County Health Authority. There is one Health Visitor, and also one District Nurse who attends all maternity cases.

Port Sanitation.

During the year no cases of infectious diseases have been reported on ships while using the harbour.

Health of the Township.

The general health of the township for the year under review is considered satisfactory especially in view of these difficult times. The health services and water supplies of the township have been well maintained.

There was a small epidemic of diphtheria of a mild type. Owing to limited hospital accommodation many cases had to remain at home with the result that many more cases were notified than might have been.

The advantages of immunisation of children cannot be too strongly emphasised and I hope parents will have their children immunised against diphtheria when they reach the age of one year which is carried out at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic.

During the post war period one of the first priorities to be kept in mind must be housing, this district like most other districts is in need of houses to deal with overcrowding and also for persons returning from the Forces.

I take this opportunity to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for the consideration you have shown me while I have acted as your Medical Officer of Health.

P. Emmerson,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.
1945.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the various services administered by the Health Department of the Urban District in accordance with Circulars of the Ministry of Health.

Public Cleansing.

The collection of house refuse and trade refuse has been carried out in a systematic regular manner throughout the year.

Salvage.

The salvage of waste materials continued during the year.

Disposal of refuse.

All refuse is tipped on controlled lines, as in former years, and in view of the salvage of waste materials the refuse is now largely ash.

The length of haul from our most distant point is 1.038 miles.

Street Cleansing.

The work of street cleansing has been maintained during the year and all street gullies are periodically cleansed.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

The number of registered persons in the district is as follows:-

Wholesale purveyors of milk	- 4
Retail purveyors of milk	- 9
Cowkeepers and dairymen	- 7

Premises licensed for storage and sale of T.T. Milk - 1.

Premises licensed for storage and sale of Pasteurised Milk - 1.

Dairies and cowsheds were kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

Factory Act 1937.

The factories were kept in a cleanly condition and the only notice served was the requiring of limewashing to sanitary accommodation.

Shipping.

During the year the crews quarters of the ships using the port of Amble were inspected.

Water Supply.

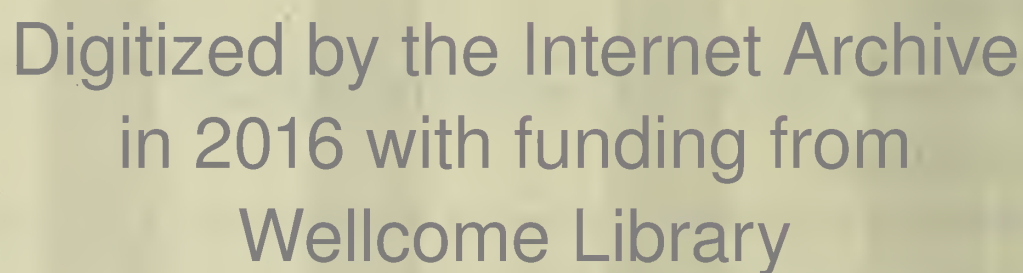
The supply was constant and ample supplies were available for both domestic and industrial purposes during the year.

Disinfection.

54 premises were disinfected during the year and a number of books at the request of the library authorities.

Nuisances and defects under Public Health Act and Housing Acts.

Defective Doors	- 6.
Choked Drains cleansed	- 30.
Defective Sewers	- 10.
Choked W.C's.	- 7.



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Defective water pipes repaired - 50.
Defective scullery repaired - 4.
Defective cooking ranges repaired - 2.
Defective chimneys repaired - 9.
Defective sink-waste pipes repaired - 24.
Repairs to water supply - 10.
Repairs to roof - 6.
Repairs to eaves spout - 3.
Dustbins provided 10.
Renewal of or repairs to W.C. Cisterns - 7.
Renewal of taps - 8.
Repairs to ceilings - 1.
Dangerous walls - 0.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A.W. CHARITY,

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

